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# Draft report

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**Addendum**

## Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019
(*Item 3 (b) (ii)*)

### Programme 5
### Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 20th meeting, on 13 June 2016, the Committee considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog. 5)). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework, contained in conference room paper E/AC.51/2016/CRP.1/Rev.1.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

**Discussion**

3. Delegations expressed support for the programme and appreciation for the work carried out by the Office for Outer Space Affairs. That outer space should be used exclusively for peaceful and research purposes, as opposed to political, economic or armament purposes, was emphasized.

4. Emphasis was placed on the common interest of humankind in promoting and expanding the exploration and use of outer space exclusively for peaceful purposes and in continuing efforts to extend to all States the benefits derived therefrom, and on the importance of international cooperation in the field, for which the United Nations should continue to provide a focal point.

5. It was pointed out that no reference had been made to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the proposed strategic framework, and that, in an effort

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to mainstream the transformative agenda in all programmes, a reference needed to be included in the list of legislative mandates for the programme.

6. It was observed that some of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement had been revised or deleted, while no changes in the mandate of the programme had occurred. An explanation was sought as to why the reference to prioritizing assistance to developing countries in building or enhancing their capacity in space law and policy for the peaceful use of outer space had been removed (para. 5.7 and indicator of achievement (b) (i)). An enquiry was also made as to why indicator of achievement (d) (ii) had been removed. Clarification was sought on the criteria that had been used in revising the existing expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, and on whether unforeseen impediments had affected the programme, which was otherwise delivering well on its existing mandates. It was questioned whether the reformulation of the proposed strategic framework was justified, in the absence of new mandates and any substantive changes. That the proposed changes would have an impact on the allocation of resources (for example, on building national capacity in developing countries) during the budget formulation phase was underlined.

**Conclusions and recommendations**

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019, subject to the following modifications:**

***Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat***

**Replace expected accomplishment (b) with "Strengthened capacity of countries, including developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in using space science and technology and related applications, including global navigation satellite systems, particularly in areas related to sustainable development".**

***Indicators of achievement***

**Replace indicator of achievement (b) (i) with "Increased number of countries, in particular developing countries, receiving training facilitated by the programme in space science and technology and related applications".**

**Replace indicator of achievement (b) (ii) with "Increased number of countries, in particular developing countries, receiving support in using space science and technology and related applications".**

**Add a new indicator of achievement (d) (ii), reading "Increased number of countries, in particular developing countries, requesting and receiving systematic and continuous technical advisory assistance for using space-based solutions in disaster management plans and policies and in the implementation of risk reduction activities".**

***Legislative mandates***

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